

## PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Home Rehabilitation Loan Program Still Available

Since 1976, the Town of Los Altos Hills has made funding available for home rehabilitation loans for Los Altos Hills residents through its Housing Conservation Program. Funded through the Federal Community Development Block Grant program, the Housing Conservation Program provides funds to low income-eligible homeowners, for home repairs which correct housing code violations, alleviate overcrowding, minimize potential fire hazards, and improve health, safety, accessibility and home security conditions. Examples of eligible work include electrical and plumbing repairs, new flooring, heating and weatherization improvements, kitchen and bathroom remodels, painting, roof repair, structural reinforcement and repair of termite damage.



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Program eligibility is based on federal income limits by household size. In order to qualify, a household's annual income must not exceed 80% of the current median income in Santa Clara County, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For example, a family of four must have an annual income no greater than \$84,900 and a two-person household may not exceed an annual income of \$67,900.

Loans up to \$100,000 are available to qualified homeowners; interest rates range from zero to three percent. Loan repayment may be amortized or deferred for up to fifteen years, and all loans are secured by a deed of trust.

The Housing Conservation Program offers a practical solution to lower income residents, particularly seniors and others on fixed incomes, faced with a list of costly home repairs. The program helps residents stay in their homes when they might otherwise be forced to sell, and contributes to the general safety and attractiveness of Los Altos Hills.

The Town's Housing Conservation Program is administered by the Santa Clara County Office of Affordable Housing. For more information or to obtain an application, please call Tracy Cunningham at (408) 441-4323.

—Carl Cahill, Planning Director

## GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

### Mark Your Calendars TODAY!

New Town Hall Ground Breaking on July 15th at 4:30 PM at Town Hall parking lot. Speeches, dignitaries, memorabilia, refreshments.



Join the fun as we look to the future. WeiWei Liu, Youth Commissioner, will chair the event.

## LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT - WORKING FOR YOUR SAFETY

### Improvements In Fire Protection

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District continues its efforts to augment fire protection for the residents of the District by purchasing and providing programs to enhance our safety.



### Purchases

1. Weather Station - for use by County Fire for monitoring weather during high fire hazard days.
2. Specialized fire apparatus - for use in the high hazard brush and grass fire areas.
3. New Rescue Apparatus Unit - assisted in purchasing a new rescue apparatus unit for the County Fire prior to its life expectancy expiration.
4. Specialized rescue tools.
5. Fire hydrant and water main testing equipment - new state of the art equipment for ensuring adequate water pressure in our hydrants
6. Specialized medical equipment - Auto Pulse Resuscitation System used for cardiac arrest victims.

### Programs

1. Replacement of undersize water mains and installation of new water mains and fire hydrants where needed. Two million plus dollars have been spent on this program. Additional money is budgeted long term for continuation of the program.
2. Brush chipping program — is offered free of charge once a year to residents living in the high fire hazard area.
3. Additional fire fighters — over and above the normal staffing during periods of high fire hazard days or their needed times.
4. Garden debris drop-off program - is funded by the Fire District and operated by the garbage company which allows District residents to drop off garden debris and other combustible plant material once a month at a central drop off area free of charge. (See Calendar Page 1 for dates of drop off.)
5. Fuel reduction/fire break program - funding the use of goats and conservation corp personnel to provide protection in Byrne Preserve.
6. Fire Prevention Information - developing and funding the annual mailing of fire prevention information to all District residents.

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